

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AFFAIRS AND HOMELAND SECURITY

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

2:50 p.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

Representative Garfield, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori.

Representative Polidori moved to approve the minutes of the March 1, 2005 meeting.

Representative Sheltroun supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4001 and HB 4002 before the committee.

HB 4001	Caul	Higher education; financial aid; tuition waivers for children of veterans; revise.
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HB 4002	Moore	Higher education; financial aid; college tuition waivers for children of veterans; remove veterans trust fund as funding source.
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Representative Caul and Representative Moore testified in support of HB 4001 and HB 4002. Questions and discussion followed.

Norbert Schollett, representing the America Legion, testified in support of HB 4001 and HB 4002.*

Charles Lerchen, representing the Michigan Association of County Veterans Counselors, testified in support of HB 4001 and HB 4002.*

Patrick Lafferty, representing the American Legion, testified in support of HB 4001 and HB 4002.

Hubert Hess, representing the Department of Veterans Affairs, testified in support of HB 4001 and HB 4002.

Mack Bates and Lino Pretto, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart, submitted cards in support of HB 4001 and HB 4002, but did not wish to speak.

Gerald Dennis, representing the American Legion, submitted a card in support of HB 4001 and HB 4002, but did not wish to speak.

Ben Bodkin, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, submitted a card in support of HB 4001 and HB 4002, but did not wish to speak.

Kenneth Dittenber, representing the America Legion, submitted a card in support of HB 4001 and HB 4002, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Moore moved to report HB 4001, with recommendation.

Representative Espinoza supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 4001 reported out with recommendation.

Representative Moore moved to report HB 4002, with recommendation.

Representative Mortimer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 4002 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HB 4272, HB 4273 and HB 4438 before the committee.

HB 4272	Moore	Cemeteries and funerals; veterans; purchase of United States flags to mark graves of veterans in certain cemeteries; provide for.
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HB 4273	Elsenheimer	Cemeteries and funerals; veterans; purchase of United States flags to mark graves of veterans in certain cemeteries; provide for.
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HB 4438	Sak	Cemeteries and funerals; veterans; purchase of United States flags to mark graves in certain cemeteries; provide for.
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Representative Moore, Representative Elsenheimer and Representative Sak testified in support of HB 4272, HB 4273 and HB 4438. Questions and discussion followed.

Robert Bianchi, representing the Catholic War Veterans, testified in support of HB 4272, HB 4273 and HB 4438.

Arnold Weinfeld, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified and stated no position on HB 4272, HB 4273 and HB 4438.

Gerald Dennis, representing the America Legion, submitted a card in support of HB 4272, HB 4273 and HB 4438, but did not wish to speak.

Lino Pretto, representing the Military Order of the Purple Heart, submitted a card in support of HB 4272, HB 4273 and HB 4438, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Polidori moved to adopt substitute (H-1) to HB 4272.

Representative Sheltroun supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Moore moved to report HB 4272 (H-1), with recommendation.

Representative Pavlov supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

HB 4272 (H-1) reported out with recommendation.

Representative Moore moved to adopt substitute (H-2) to HB 4273.

Representative Pavlov supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun, Spade and Polidori,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

Representative Moore moved to report HB 4273 (H-2), with recommendation.

Representative Espinoza supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun,
Spade and Polidori,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

HB 4273 (H-2) reported out with recommendation.

Representative Moore moved to report HB 4438, with recommendation.

Representative Espinoza supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 9-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Garfield, Moore, Mortimer, Pavlov, Rocca, Espinoza, Sheltroun,
Spade and Polidori,
Nays: None,
Pass: None.

HB 4438 reported out with recommendation.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 3:30 p.m.

Representative John Garfield, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
March 8, 2005
40 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.